

CROP REPORT

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Oregon wheat stocks up 18 percent from a year ago

Stocks of **wheat** stored in all positions totaled 43.4 million bushels on September 1, 2003. This is 18 percent more than the 36.8 million bushels stored a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 32.4 million bushels and accounted for 75 percent of the total stocks. On-farm stocks, at 11.0 million bushels, increased 16 percent from last year. **Barley** stocks totaled 2.5 million bushels on September 1, 2003. This is a decrease of 38 percent from a year ago, and represents the lowest first quarter stocks estimate on record. On-farm stocks totaled 1.7 million bushels and accounted for 68 percent of the total stocks. **Oat** stocks stored off-farm totaled 384,000 bushels, down 27 percent.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington)

Wheat stocks stored in all positions totaled 265.9 million bushels, up nine percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 203.9 million bushels, were up 14 percent from last year. **Barley** stocks totaled 56.9 million bushels, down eight percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 31.2 million bushels, accounted for 55 percent of the total stocks stored.

United States

All Wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 2.04 billion bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 690 million bushels, up 19 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.35 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2003 indicated disappearance is 792 million bushels, up 23 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 239 million bushels, up 7 percent from September, 2002. On-farm stocks are 140 million bushels, 6 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 99.1 million bushels, are 7 percent above September 2002. Disappearance during the June - August 2003 quarter totaled 106 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 132 million bushels, 18 percent above the stocks on September 1, 2002. Of the total stocks on hand, 82.1 million bushels are stored on farms, 16 percent more than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 49.4 million bushels, 20 percent above a year earlier. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2003 totaled 63.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period a year ago.

Old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 1.09 billion bushels, down 32 percent from September 1, 2002. Of the total stocks, 485 million bushels are stored on farms, down 17 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 601 million bushels, are down 40 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2003 indicated disappearance is 1.90 billion bushels, compared with 2.00 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain Stocks: September 1, 2002, June 1, 2003 & September 1, 2003

Crop/ Quarter	Oregon			Pacific Northwest ^{1/}			United States		
	On-farm	Off-Farm ^{2/}	Total	On-farm	Off-farm ^{2/}	Total	On-farm	Off-farm ^{2/}	Total
	1,000 Bushels			1,000 Bushels			1,000 Bushels		
Wheat									
Sept. 1, 2002	9,500	27,292	36,792	66,500	178,213	244,713	580,000	1,170,787	1,750,987
June 1, 2003	2,300	16,477	18,777	11,000	74,923	85,923	132,110	359,306	491,416
Sept. 1, 2003	11,000	32,350	43,350	62,000	203,896	265,896	689,970	1,345,635	2,035,605
Barley									
Sept. 1, 2002	1,700	2,291	3,991	29,700	31,843	61,543	131,600	92,419	224,019
June 1, 2003	80	293	373	3,108	11,651	14,831	14,860	54,480	69,340
Sept. 1, 2003	1,700	793	2,493	25,700	31,193	56,893	139,900	99,125	239,025
Oats									
Sept. 1, 2002	*	527	*	*	1,007	*	70,500	41,212	111,712
June 1, 2003	*	317	*	*	784	*	20,600	29,233	49,833
Sept. 1, 2003	*	384	*	*	1,109	*	82,100	49,421	131,521

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

^{2/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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